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5th Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." - Lk 5:5

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FEBRUARY 6, 2022 • 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

St. Mary Church — 303 West Monroe Street, Tomah

Saturday.....4:00pm

Sunday.....7:30am, 9:00am and 10:30am

St. Andrew Church — 203 May Street, Warrens

Saturday.....6:00pm

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WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

St. Mary, Tomah

Tuesday.....5:30pm

Wednesday-Friday.....8:00am

Liberty Village Assisted Living, Tomah

First and Third Wednesdays.....10:00am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday.....4:30pm-5:15pm

Thursday.....5:00pm-6:00pm

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday.....4:00pm-5:15pm

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

BAPTISM

Are you a new or expectant parent? Baptism is the sacrament of initiation that welcomes your child into the Catholic Church and our parish community. Parents must complete baptismal preparation prior to their child's reception of the sacrament. Please contact Jon Burbach to schedule a class at 372-4516 x3.

MARRIAGE

At the time of engagement, but not less than six months prior to the wedding, please call the parish office to arrange for marriage preparation and to schedule your specific wedding date.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK/HOME VISIT

Please contact the parish office for any sacramental ministry (anointing before a planned surgery, severe illness, etc.) or visitation to the sick or homebound.



As of February 2, 2022
222 families have pledged
\$98,971.00

Thank you so much, we have exceeded our parish goal of \$90,690!!! Everything given from this point will go to our Education Endowment Trust.

Gospel Reflection

“Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man,” these words, uttered by Simon Peter, can be found on any one of our lips. What real significance do I have in the big picture of God’s Divine plan? Even though we try our best to hide it, we all suffer from a lack of faith. We get tired, confused, and often lack any sincere desire to put anything into our relationship with God. It’s easier to simply reap whatever benefits the world has to offer and call it a day. Floating along on the superficial currents of life doesn’t require much effort and seems to get us through the day. Confronting our own infidelity, apathy, weakness of spirit, and doubt in God’s providence, how can we even remotely be considered a worthy vessel of God’s presence or credible voice for His message?

This is the irony of faith. God doesn’t seek the perfect vessels. He likes the broken ones. There is something to be said about living honestly and sincerely, and wrestling with sin, imperfection, and weakness rather than skipping through the peripheries of life with pretention, arrogance, and mendacity. If we believe ourselves to be our own “god” and serve only ourselves, we close the door to ever being used by the real and only True God. But, if we at least acknowledge that there is One greater than ourselves, then even in our deepest poverty and lowliness, God can enter.

Lessons are best learned from those who suffer. Only someone who has been lonely and lost can attest to the beauty of both Divine and human friendship. Only those who have really lost their way know what happens when they are found. Only those who are afraid know what it is to be calmed by God. The Gospel is messy because life is messy. There are no black and white solutions to problems and challenges that are hazy and gray. When our hesitancy to encounter God gets replaced by friendship with God, we become more aware of our dignity and the fact that we are loved just as we are. We cannot be afraid to share our struggles, reservations, fears, and sinfulness with others. Our genuineness and sincerity will speak of the God who blesses us in our weakness.

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 6, 2022

- Sunday:** 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs
- Tuesday:** St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin
- Thursday:** St. Scholastica, Virgin
- Friday:** Our Lady of Lourdes
- Next Sunday:** 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day

Catholic Q and A

Q: One of the common objections of my adult son raises about going to Church is that all the sin and hypocrisy in the Church is intolerable to him. Any advice on what to say about this?

A: Well, of course, this is one of the objections that Jesus had to face from the Pharisees: This man welcomes sinners and eats with them (Luke 15:2). It's a remarkable thing, Jesus is found among sinners, even hypocrites. He is not found in the perfect places of our imagined "church." He is not simply found in the places or company considered desirable, he is found where he is found: among sinners. Indeed, one image for the Church is Christ, crucified between two thieves!

As for hypocrisy, we do well to wonder if any human being on this planet, save for the most heroic saint, is utterly free from this ubiquitous human problem. Surely your son cannot consider himself wholly free from it can he? In terms of mission, the Church is a hospital for sinners, and that means sinners will be found there. But so will medicine of the sacraments, the wisdom of Scripture, healing, and encouragement, admonishment, too. And yes, sinners...even some in critical condition. We know our sin. That is why we have confessionals in every parish. Pray God, we always have room for one more sinner.

As for those who seek for Christ apart from the Church, i.e. apart from his Body: no can do. Christ is found with his body, the Church. He associates with sinners and holds them close. He incorporates them into his body through baptism and seeks them when they stray. Tell your son that Jesus loves sinners and is not too proud to be in their company and call them his brethren. Join us!

—Msgr. Charles Pope

*Intentions for
The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass*

Saturday, February 5 Vigil Mass

4:00 PM Barbara Semrau

St. Andrew — Warrens

6:00 PM Theresa Anderson

Sunday, February 6 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Leona Leis

9:00 AM *Pro populo* of Queen of the Apostles Parish

10:30 AM Roland Von Haden

Tuesday, February 8

9:30 AM *School:* Pete Tetzlaff

Adoration — 4:00pm-5:15pm

Confession — 4:30pm-5:15pm (SM)

5:30 PM Ralph Vitous

Wednesday, February 9

8:00 AM Caroline Harris

Thursday, February 10 St. Scholastica

8:00 AM Kenny Christensen

9:30 AM *School:* Merle & Berniece Helming

Confession — 5:00pm-6:00pm (DK)

Friday, February 11

8:00 AM Norman and Roseann Kinnett

Saturday, February 12 Vigil Mass

4:00 PM Helen Hess

St. Andrew — Warrens

6:00 PM *Pro populo* of Queen of the Apostles Parish

Sunday, February 13 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Doug Olson

9:00 AM Phil Schreiner

10:30 AM Bill Miller



Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.



MAY GOD GRANT THEM

ETERNAL REST

Charlotte Quackenbush — January 31

Keeping Current with
Queen of the Apostles
CATHOLIC PARISH & SCHOOL



Just Ordinary

One of my favorite bands is the Foo Fighters. I'm sure you're familiar with them, or maybe not, but that's okay. One of their most popular songs is "My Hero" and the refrain goes like this: There goes my hero, watch him as he goes. There goes my hero, he's ordinary." It's all about real heroes as ordinary people doing ordinary things, not the flashy daring or celebrity stuff we typically associate with heroic lives.

So what's the point? Well, here we find ourselves in the middle of this first part of Ordinary Time in the liturgical year. We typically associate the word "ordinary" with things that are boring, humdrum, blah, etc., but Ordinary Time is anything but. Yes, we just finished celebrating Christmas, where the God of the universe comes to us in the flesh. And soon it will be Lent and then Easter, where we prepare for and remember the Passion and Resurrection of our Lord. Those are extraordinary seasons where we celebrate extraordinary events. But most of the year we spend in Ordinary Time. No, it's not as glorious, but it is where the real work is done, where the sausage gets made, so to speak. In the Gospels during this season, we hear about the bulk of Jesus' earthly ministry - his calling of the Apostles, his teachings, and many miracles. This was when he first formed his disciples and established meaningful person to person relationships.

So what does that mean for us today? Many of us like to think we are extraordinary. Well, sorry to tell you, but you're probably not. You're probably ordinary like most of us, but that's okay. It just means we are to focus on the real work of the Church, according to our particular place. It means working on our own relationship with Jesus and becoming better disciples through worship, prayer, reading scripture, and the Sacraments. It also means living out that discipleship in our ordinary, everyday lives, being Christ to others, seeing Christ in others, and caring for the poor. Nothing spectacular. Just ordinary.

Peace,
Jon

Tomah Community Table

"For when I was hungry, you gave Me to eat."

The Tomah Community Table is in need of help for its weekly carry-out dinners. Sponsors prepare a meal, transport it to Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, serve it into carry-out containers (provided), and distribute it through the church's drive-by. Presently about 110 meals are being distributed. Meals are served each Monday at 4:30pm and there are a lot of Mondays available! Monetary sponsors are also appreciated. Call Laura Bishop (608-343-7039) for more details.

Dead Theologian's Society

High School students - mark your calendars for the upcoming DTS gatherings:

Sunday, February 6

Sunday, February 20

We'll meet from 7:00-8:00pm in the gym. Join us for an engaging evening of storytelling about the saints! It'll be fun, and we will have snacks!

School News

****Partnering with parents to provide Catholic formation and quality education extending beyond the classroom****

School Office: (608) 372-5765

Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 7:30am-3:30pm

Mass Schedule

Grades 4K-2: Tuesday, February 8 at 9:30am

Grades 3-5: Thursday, February 10 at 9:30am

Religious Education

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Sunday, February 6

Level 9: Small Groups

Wednesday, February 9

Levels K-5: Class — 6:00pm-7:00pm

Levels 6-8, 10: Class — 6:30pm-7:45pm

Sunday, February 13

Level 9: Large Group — 6:00pm-7:30pm

Wednesday, February 16

Levels K-5: Class — 6:00pm-7:00pm

Levels 6-8, 10: Class — 6:30pm-7:45pm

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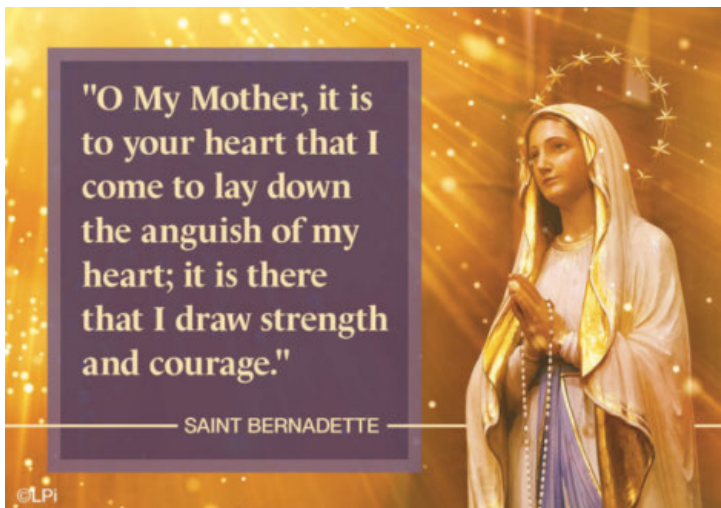


PRAYER FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Almighty and eternal God,
 You blessed the union of married couples
 so that they might reflect
 the union of Christ with his Church:
 look with kindness on them.
 Renew their marriage covenant,
 increase your love in them,
 and strengthen their bond of peace
 so that, with their children,
 they may always rejoice
 in the gift of your blessing.
 We ask this through Christ our Lord.
 Amen.

LIVE THE LITURGY
Inspiration for the week

When we encounter or even ponder God's magnificence, power, and awesomeness, we easily begin to feel our own smallness and perceived insignificance. After all, who can compete with eternal greatness, seraphim, or the ability to catch great numbers of fish? We unfortunately think that God's presence somehow overrides us, reduces our importance, and only seeks to judge our inadequacies and doubts. Things begin to change a bit when we realize that what we may have seen as overwhelming and frightening is really only unconditional, unmerited love. Love has tremendous majesty and power. When we listen to this power and stop seeing it as threatening or dooming, our fear dissipates and Divine friendship takes root. Remaining close to what we once preferred at a distance, we can journey to places we never thought possible and do things we never thought we could do. Strengthened by Divine friendship and encouraged by its life-giving power, we can say "here I am, send me!" when God asks, "whom shall I send?" Sin and fear no longer are of concern to the one who remains close to God in a bond of trust.



ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA
 FEAST DAY
FEBRUARY 8

St. Josephine Bakhita
February 8

The story of St. Josephine Bakhita (1869-1947) is a story that many people taken into slavery have experienced. Born in the Darfur region of Sudan, she was kidnapped at the age of 8 and sold into slavery many times. As she passed from owner to owner, she experienced the moral and physical humiliations associated with slavery.

It was only at the age of 13 that her suffering was alleviated after she was bought for the Italian Consul in Sudan. It was here that she was fortunate to receive kindness, respect, and peace from her new master.

She was later handed over to the Canossian Sisters when she made the case that slavery had been outlawed in Italy for years. She was baptized and confirmed in the Catholic Church in 1890, where she took the name Josephine. She later entered the Institute of St. Magdalene of Canossa in 1893 and made her profession three years later.

St. Josephine Bakhita's next 50 years were spent serving people through cooking, sewing, embroidery, and house-keeping. She was a source of encouragement and her constant smile won people's hearts, as did her humility and simplicity. Today she is known as the patron saint of victims of modern slavery and human trafficking.



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